

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Cancelled)
2. **(Currently Amended)** A system for managing the routing of information from a source to a destination through a plurality of networks, wherein at least one of the networks is a packet network, the system comprising:
 - a routing processor for receiving a query signal from the source via a wireless link, wherein the query signal specifies the destination to which the information will be routed, and wherein the processor is configured to identify a subscriber service associated with the destination; ~~and~~
 - at least one subsystem that stores:
 - ~~a memory for storing one or more characteristics of the source; and~~
 - ~~one or more characteristics of the destination;,~~ said one or more characteristics of the destination including the type of equipment at the destination, and information indicating a type of service associated with the destination wherein the type of service is one of a fixed wireless service or a PSTN service; and
 - information about the topology of the networks;
 - at least one subsystem, accessible from the routing processor, that ~~wherein the~~ processor determines a route for the transmission of the information based on:
 - ~~the query signal, based on~~
 - ~~the identified subscriber service associated with the destination,~~
 - ~~and based on~~
 - ~~the characteristics stored in the memory, and~~
 - the information about the topology of the networks; and

~~wherein one of the one or more characteristics of the destination includes~~
~~information indicating a type of equipment at the destination and wherein~~
~~the processor or a network element at least one subsystem, other than the~~
source, packetizes that converts the information sent over the route into
data packets.

3. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 2, wherein the source subscribes to a fixed wireless service network.
4. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 3, wherein the destination subscribes to the same fixed wireless service network as the source.
5. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 3, wherein the destination subscribes to a PSTN service network.
6. (Cancelled)
7. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 1, wherein the information includes digitized voice information.
8. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 1, wherein the signal is a DTMF signal.
- 9-12. (Cancelled)
13. (Currently Amended) A method for managing the routing of information to a destination through a plurality of networks, wherein at least one of the networks is a packet network, and wherein each network is linked to at least one other network by a communication medium, the method comprising:
receiving a query specifying a destination to which the information will be routed
at a routing processor, wherein the destination is one of at least two
possible destinations, and wherein the type of equipment at the destination

~~is one of a fixed wireless subscriber device or a PSTN subscriber device-at~~
~~least one of two different types of equipment are each associated with a~~
~~possible destination;~~
storing one or more characteristics of the destination, including information
indicating whether the equipment at the destination is fixed wireless
subscriber device or a PSTN subscriber device;
storing information about the network topology;
identifying a subscriber service associated with the destination; and
if the destination subscribes to a service associated with a wired information
transfer network, determining a route for the transmission of the
information based on
the query ~~and based on~~
the one or more stored characteristics, and
the information about the network topology; and
~~wherein the one or more stored characteristics include information~~
~~indicating the at least one of two types of equipment at the destination,~~
~~and wherein the processor or a network element other than the source,~~
packetizes converting the information sent over the route into data
packets.

14. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 13, wherein the storing the one or more characteristics includes storing at least one address for the destination.

15. (Currently Amended) A method for managing the routing of information to a destination through a plurality of networks, wherein at least one of the networks is a-an ATM packet network, and wherein each network is linked to at least one other network by a communication medium, the method comprising:

receiving a query specifying a destination to which the information will be routed
at a routing processor, wherein the destination is one of at least two
possible destinations, and wherein at least three different types of
equipment are each associated with a possible destination:

storing one or more characteristics of the destination;
storing information about the ATM packet network topology;
identifying a subscriber service associated with the destination, wherein said
subscriber service is one of a fixed wireless service or a PSTN service;
and
determining a transmission path for routing the information through the networks,
wherein the determining is based at least in part on: the received query
signal, the stored ATM packet network topology information, the stored
characteristics, wherein the stored characteristics include information
indicating the type of equipment at the destination, and the identified
subscriber service associated with the destination, ~~and~~
~~wherein, if the destination subscribes to a service associated with a wired~~
~~information transfer network and the equipment at the destination is not~~
~~configured to accept information from the source via the wired~~
~~information transfer network alone, the determined transmission path~~
~~comprises at least one packet network in addition to the wired information~~
~~transfer network, and wherein the source does not packetize the~~
~~information sent over the determined transmission path.~~

16. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 15 wherein the equipment at the destination comprises a facsimile device.
17. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 15 wherein the equipment at the destination comprises a computer.
18. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 15 wherein the equipment at the destination comprises a modem.
19. (Cancelled)
20. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 15 wherein, if the destination subscribes to a service associated with a wired information transfer network

and the equipment at the destination is configured to accept information from the source via the wired information transfer network alone, and wherein the determined transmission path does not comprise a-an ATM packet network in addition to the wired information transfer network.

21. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 15 wherein, if the destination subscribes to a service associated with a wireless information transfer network, the determined transmission path comprises at least one ATM packet network.

22. (Currently Amended) A system for managing the routing of information from a source to a destination through a plurality of networks, wherein at least one of the networks is a-an ATM packet network, the system comprising:

a routing processor for receiving a query signal from the source, the signal specifying the destination to which the information will be routed, the destination being one of at least two possible destinations, wherein at least two different types of equipment are each associated with a possible destination;

~~wherein the processor~~ at least one subsystem that identifies a subscriber service associated with the destination; and

at least one subsystem that stores one or more characteristics of the destination wherein the stored characteristics include information indicating the type of equipment at the destination;

at least one subsystem that identifies the subscriber service associated with the destination;

at least one subsystem that stores information about the ATM packet network topology; and

at least one subsystem that determines a transmission path for routing the information through the networks based at least in part on the received query signal, the stored ATM packet network topology information, the stored characteristics, and the identified subscriber service associated with the destination

~~wherein, if the processor confirms that the destination subscribes to a service associated with a wired information transfer network, the processor determines a route for the transmission of the information based on the query signal and based on information relating to the type of information receivable by the equipment at the destination, and wherein the source does not packetize the information sent over the route.~~

23. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 22, wherein the source subscribes to a fixed wireless service network.

24. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 23, wherein the destination subscribes to the same fixed wireless service network as the source and wherein the system further comprises at least one subsystem that converts the information sent over the transmission path into data packets.

25. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 23, wherein the destination subscribes to a PSTN service network.

26. (Cancelled)

27. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 22, wherein the information includes digitized voice information.

28. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 22, wherein the signal is a DTMF signal.

29. (Currently Amended) A method for managing the routing of information to a destination through a plurality of networks, wherein at least one of the networks is ~~a~~an ATM packet network, and wherein each network is linked to at least one other network by a communication medium, the method comprising:

receiving a query specifying a destination to which the information will be routed at a routing processor, wherein the destination is one of at least three

possible destinations, and wherein at least two different types of equipment are each associated with a possible destination;
storing information about the ATM packet network topology;
identifying a subscriber service associated with the destination;
determining a route for transmission of the information based on the query, the type of equipment at the destination, the network topology and the subscriber service associated with the destination; and
~~and if the destination subscribes to a service associated with a wired information transfer network; determining a route for the transmission of the information based on the query and on information indicating the type of equipment at the destination and different from the information based on the query; and wherein the processor or a network element other than the source, packetizes the information sent over the route~~
converting the information sent over the route into data packets.

30. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 29, wherein the identified service is a wireline service and the equipment at the destination does not include digital capabilities.

31. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 29 wherein the identified service is a wireline service and the equipment at the destination includes digital capabilities.